

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 5,149,474 issued to Rohatyn. Applicant has amended claim 7 to better describe the drying step in the claimed method that differentiates this invention from anything shown in Rohatyn, or any other prior art.

Claims 7 - 13 and claims 15 - 19 now appear in the application. Reconsideration of the application and the patentable merits of the subject matter covered by these claims is respectfully requested. Applicant submits that claims 7 - 13 and claims 15 - 19 are allowable and respectfully requests early favorable action by the Examiner.

If the Examiner believes a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative would aid in the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to contact Applicant's representative at the below listed number.

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Respectfully submitted,



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